Shoujo
Presents
Sweets
Nuts
Banana Bread
Chocolate Marmalade
Tiramisu
Nuts
Cream Caramel
Sono Otoko Yaka

SCENE. 4

A Fateful Encounter

During the day I was a salesman for an electronics company.
THUNK
In the evening I was an employee at a show pub.
The only time I could relax was when I was having dinner before work
at the cafe.
What's up with her?!
HEY NEW PART-TIMER!
BE MORE AMIABLE WHEN SERVING CUSTOMERS!
It was on the first floor of the building the show pub was in.
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN EARN MONEY DOING YOUR JOB THIS WAY?

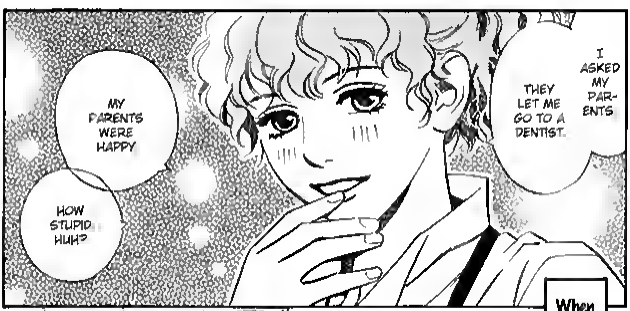
WHEN I SMILE
MY TEETH GRIND TOGETHER SO I DON'T LIKE TO SMILE MUCH
clench...
HEY, YOU
HOW OLD ARE YOU?
17
YOUR NAME?
AH, SORRY TAKA-CHAN
I ONLY GOT HER TO HELP OUT TEMPORARILY
THE USUAL PASTA SET, RIGHT?!

This is how Erika and I met.
ERIKA.
QUIT SNIFFING PAINT THINNER.
I KNOW SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO RUINED THEIR LIVES DOING IT.
MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS
Suddenly,
I saw an image of me as a child
overlapping hers.

Even in my yankee phase,
I used it to cover up my weaknesses.
Even though I was short, I tried very hard to pretend to be cool.
resembled me.
She
I'M DOING MY BEST IN MY OWN WAY
HEY YOU WHY DON'T YOU LEARN TO SERVE CUSTOMERS MORE POLITELY?
THUD
TODAY'S SPECIAL.
THE PASTA SET

Even though she was rude,
Erika
TAKA-SAN, YOU
WORK AT THE SHOW PUB ON THE FOURTH FLOOR, HUH?
became attached to me.
ATTIC
THAT'S RIGHT
THOSE GIRLS WHO GATHER IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING LATE AT NIGHT,
THEY'RE WAITING FOR YOU TO LEAVE, HUH?
UMM YEAH
I WOULDN'T LIKE THAT.
I WON'T FALL IN LOVE WITH A PERSON
WHO WOULDN'T ONLY LOOK AT ME

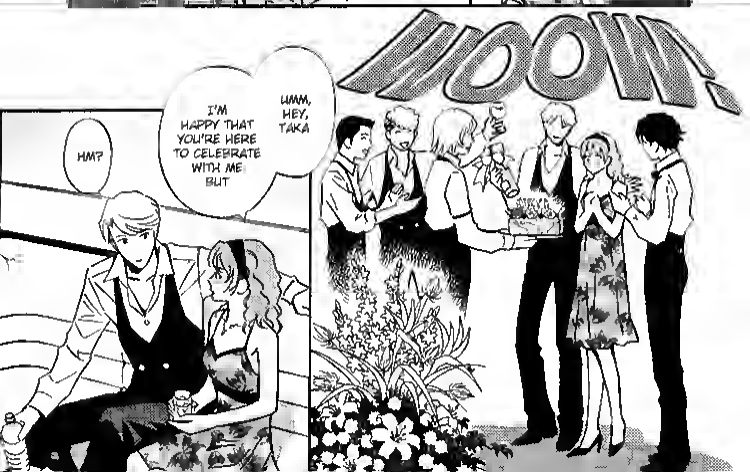
HUH?
ERIKA, DID YOU GET YOUR TEETH FIXED?
THEY ARE CLEAN


I ASKED MY PARENTS
THEY LET ME GO TO A DENTIST.
MY PARENTS WERE HAPPY
HOW STUPID, HUH?

When she smiles
she's like a blooming flower...
CAN I VISIT YOUR PUB NEXT TIME?
NO, MINORS AREN'T ALLOWED

Until that day...
WELCOME ...
ONE CUSTOMER ARRIVING!
SHUT-UP, FRIZZ-BALL.
WOMAN-IZER.
MEANIE.
YOU IDIOT.
To me, Erika was
like a good male friend.
She was a good woman. I didn't have to pay attention to her needs.

I SEE ERIKA.
TODAY
IS YOUR BIRTHDAY
I'VE TURNED 18,
SO NO COM-PLAINTS, OKAY!
I SAID NOT TO COME!
WHAT'S WITH YOU!
LET'S HAVE
A GRAND CELEBRATION EN MASSE.
OKAY, I GOT IT.


HMM?
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU'RE HERE TO CELEBRATE WITH ME BUT
UMM, HEY, TAKA
WOW

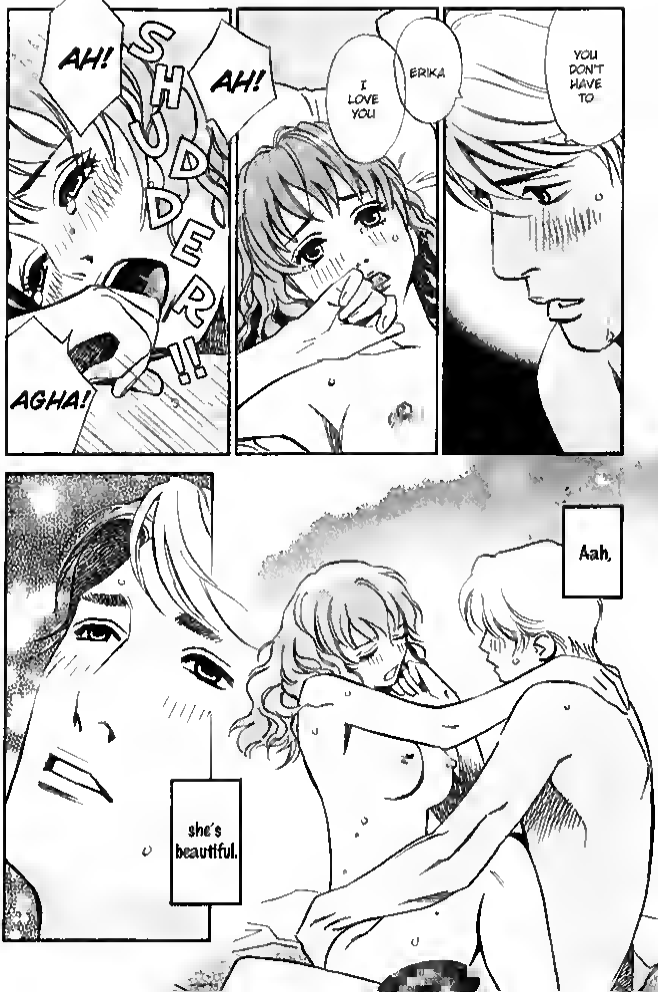
AH—
GLARE
THOSE WOMEN OVER THERE,
ARE GLARING AT US IN A SCARY WAY.
I'LL GIVE YOU A RIDE IN MY CAR.
IT'S OKAY.
I HAVEN'T DRANK ANY ALCOHOL
I STILL HAVE TO DO ONE SHOW BEFORE I CAN LEAVE
SO WAIT HERE UNTIL THEN
WHERE'S YOUR HOUSE, ERIKA?

I
WANT A BIRTHDAY PRESENT
TAKA,
HAVE SEX WITH ME
MY EX-BOYFRIEND SAID THAT I'M FRIGID.
HE REJECTED ME BECAUSE OF IT
THAT'S WHY IT MIGHT BE BORING TO HAVE SEX WITH ME...

YOU'RE ALREADY THIS MOIST
YOU'RE NOT FRIGID AT ALL
GRRRR...
NO.
AH.
AH
UHN!
EVERY GIRL HAS A SPOT THAT CAN MAKE THEM FEEL GOOD
YOUR EX WAS JUST BAD AT IT
UGHN.
HAVE NEVER BEEN THIS MOIST BEFORE...
AH... NO WAY
I
SURPRISE!
NO, NOT ...
THERE!
YOURS IS
HERE I THINK
splosh
splosh
splosh
splatter
splatter

AH, AH!
I'M CUMMING ...!
SHUDDER
SHUDDER
I'M GOING INSIDE
AH, ARGH
SHIT, WHAT DO I DO
squish squish
spatter
spatter

I THOUGHT I WOULD HAVE SEX WITH YOU ONCE AND THEN FORGET ABOUT YOU...
BUT I WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT ANYMORE...


YOU DON'T HAVE TO
ERIKA
I LOVE YOU
AH!
AH!
SHUDDER!!
AGHA!
Aah,
she's beautiful.

A large flower
has started to bloom...
BUT WHEN I WOKE UP, ERIKA WAS GONE
JUST WHEN I HAD FINALLY GOTTEN SERIOUS ABOUT SOMEONE
SHE WAS GONE WITHOUT A TRACE
SHE HAD ALSO QUIT HER PART-TIME JOB

Really falling asleep
SHUUHEI, DON'T SLEEP!
WHY DO YOU THINK I BROUGHT YOU ALONG?
HEY!
AND THEN
UH, HUH?

VROOM
I would meet Erika again.
At a place I never expected...